

## FORFEITS FOR TROTTERS.

## A NEW SYSTEM OF ENTRANCE FEES TO BE TRIED IN STAKE RACES.

C. W. Williams, who has been in the harness racing business for many years, has been announced by some of the leading trotting clubs for the season of 1935, there is a vitality about harness racing which neither had times nor puritanical legislation can destroy.

When the Constitutional amendment which prohibits pool-selling was adopted last November, it was very generally believed that Fleetwood Park would remain closed to the harness racing, or that if a trotting meeting should be given at all in this city it would be on ultra-conservative lines, with small purses, by way of cautiously testing the much disputed question as to whether harness racing can be successfully carried on without the profitable adjunct of public betting. Much surprise was, therefore, manifested when the newly elected executive committee of the Driving Club decided at their first meeting, a few days ago, to renew the stake programme of last season for the coming year, and, moreover, to add to the old list three more events of \$2,000 each for horses.

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In addition to their stake programme, which includes purses of \$3,000 for trotters of the 2:15, 2:16, 2:17, and 2:18 classes, and \$2,000 for 2:19, 2:20, 2:21, 2:22, 2:23, 2:24, 2:25, 2:26, 2:27, 2:28, 2:29, 2:30, 2:31, 2:32, 2:33, 2:34, 2:35, 2:36, 2:37, 2:38, 2:39, 2:40, 2:41, 2:42, 2:43, 2:44, 2:45, 2:46, 2:47, 2:48, 2:49, 2:50, 2:51, 2:52, 2:53, 2:54, 2:55, 2:56, 2:57, 2:58, 2:59, 3:00, 3:01, 3:02, 3:03, 3:04, 3:05, 3:06, 3:07, 3:08, 3:09, 3:10, 3:11, 3:12, 3:13, 3:14, 3:15, 3:16, 3:17, 3:18, 3:19, 3:20, 3:21, 3:22, 3:23, 3:24, 3:25, 3:26, 3:27, 3:28, 3:29, 3:30, 3:31, 3:32, 3:33, 3:34, 3:35, 3:36, 3:37, 3:38, 3:39, 3:40, 3:41, 3:42, 3:43, 3:44, 3:45, 3:46, 3:47, 3:48, 3:49, 3:50, 3:51, 3:52, 3:53, 3:54, 3:55, 3:56, 3:57, 3:58, 3:59, 4:00, 4:01, 4:02, 4:03, 4:04, 4:05, 4:06, 4:07, 4:08, 4:09, 4:10, 4:11, 4:12, 4:13, 4:14, 4:15, 4:16, 4:17, 4:18, 4:19, 4:20, 4:21, 4:22, 4:23, 4:24, 4:25, 4:26, 4:27, 4:28, 4:29, 4:30, 4:31, 4:32, 4:33, 4:34, 4:35, 4:36, 4:37, 4:38, 4:39, 4:40, 4:41, 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